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EGMORE,
7th August 1934.

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Assistant Curator in Charge, Madras Record Office.

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(VOLUME No. 8)

N°. 1

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

Inclosed is duplicate of what we wrote you the Seventh Instant.

Commodore Barnett with his Majesties Ships Depford, Medway, Preston and Dolphin arrived at Fort St. Davids the twentyeth Instant from their Cruize off Ceylon where they have been since Joined by the Lively and Medways Prize from Batavia.

The Benjamin and Sumatra arrived here a few days past from the West Coast from whence we are informed, That the Orford called there in her way to Benjar and that the Porto Bello had proceeded from Batavia on her Voyage to that Port.

The Wager and Edgebaston arrived in Bengall the Sixth of June and by our last advices from thence we Learn a large Body of Morrattas had again entered that Province, and that the Gentlemen there were apprehensive the Companys investment would be greatly impeded.

We purpose to Dispatch the Benjamin for England by the Latter end of next Month or begining of September. As yet non [*sic*] of our Honourable Masters Ships are Arrived from Europe. We are.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
29. JULY 1745.
RECEIVED THE 21ST. AUGUST
PR. PATTAMAR.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants
NIC: MORCE [*sic*].
WILLM. MONSON.
THOS. EYRE.
EDWARD HARRIS.
WILLM. JOHNSON.
JNO. SAVAGE.
EDWARD FOWKE.

N°. 2

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF & FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

Your several Letters of the Sixth and twenty fifth April also that of the thirty first came to hand on the thirteenth of May and thirty first of July with the Several Papers conformable to the List of the Packets.

You did well in giving us as timely Notice of the Arrival of the Northampton as you could, and we approve of Your transactions in respect to that Ship, altho you needed not to have kept her so late in expectation of goods for her from hence as you might have been ashured we should have given you early notice if we had intended any, but by a Letter from to the President it appears she was not arrived with you so late as the fifteenth of March.

It was right in you to protest against the Commander for his deficiency of Gun Powder and a Gun, as it was to tender him those deficiencies.

We Judge as you do that little is to be expected from Ally Rajah as he makes so many frevolous excuses and even refuses to send to you a Proper person to adjust his Accts. therefore we approve of your intentions for making publick Sale of what you took in his boats and doubt not but you will use the best means possible for

recovering his debt as opportunity may offer. At present we cannot possibly send you a Vessel according to your request for disstressing him by Sea but as your Garrison is now strong you can do it with well armed Munchuas nor will you long be without Ships to Countenance your affairs.

We do not apprehend any ill consequence from the French will attend your takeing all proper measures for the recovery of Boyanores Debt, therefore we would have you use your utmost sollicitations for getting in his Ballance as well as that of the King of Cotiotes and if the Samorine Dies make early application to his Successour for his complying with the agreements formerly entered into, for the deschargeing those Debts, concerning all which the Necessary directions have been repeatedly given you from us. and we doubt not you will use your best endeavours for the Interest of Our Honourable Employers in that and all other occasions.

It is with Concern we find the distractions in Your Country Governments still continue and that the best methods you can take for preventing the present ill disposition of Prince Cuni Homo haveing bad effects on Our Honourable Employers Trade in his Dominions are to Mantain [*sic*] five hundred Nairs for supporting Baddencalencore against him for four Months and rewarding the Old King of Cotiote with two thousand Rup if he performs the service he promises. We doubt not but these are the most prudent steps you can take under your present Circumstances and readily approve of them.

We have already said we do not apprehend the French will be any ways troublesome to you by Land which may reasonably be supposed from the Great Losses they have lately met with, from our men of War both in respect to their private Trade and their Companys which you are aquainted [*sic*] with and as they were before very bare of Cash it may be Conjectured at Least, they will neither atempt assisting the Country Government against you or very considerably interfere in the Provision of Pepper, if you find these observations Just it may make you less Anxious about the squabbles in the Country and give you a good Opportunity of reducing the Price of Pepper in which you made so considerable a step last year.

At Present we cannot say when the Com^{r}. of the Elizabath will sail who is now under dispatch and as we are every day in expectations of a Ship or Ships from England we have not yet come to a resolution when to send down to you the Fort S^{t}. George to compleat her Loading for great Britain however as they or any ship in time of war will require the quickest despatch that can be given, get your Pepper Grabled [*sic*] and all else in readiness for that purpose and let the Northamptons Cargo and private trade be likewise ready to be sent off with Expedition.

What small Arms you are still in want of we expect to be able to supply you with on the arrival of the first Ship from England.

Send home by the first Ship you dispatch aneother [*sic*] bond of Capt^{n}. Backwells for fifeteen hundred Rupees Prin^{l}. lent at Respondentia for the Ships use.

As the seven Chests of Foreign silver by the Northampton sold so near what they would produce in our Mint we approve of your disposing of them as we do of your permitting M^{r}. Micajah Parker to go home for the reasons given.

M^{r}. John Lemon Brandling dying insolvent you may allow his Widow the indulgence the Honourable Company formerly granted her upon the like unhappy Occasion.

By the first Ship we shall send you a proper Companys Servant according to your request as also a Gunners Mate.

There being several Mistakes in your Invoices home and Accounts we now enclose a List of them that you may rectifie your Accounts by them and we expect your Accompt^{s}. to be more carefull in future.

The Bussorah Merchant imported here from thence on the eleventh instant by her we received such Europe advices as are contained in the enclosed abstract from the Amsterdam Gazetts.

This goes by a Small Vessel built for the Service at Fort S[t]. George we hope the weather will permitt of her calling at your Port, but the Master has Orders not to stay after delivery of this Letter.

BOMBAY CASTLE
20. AUG[ST]. 1745.
RECEIVED 4[TH]. SEPTEMBER
℔ ADVICE SNOW.

We are
Your Loveing Friends
WILL[M]. WAKE.
CHAR[S]. WHITEHILL.
WILL: SEDGEWICKE.
GEORGE DUDLEY.
HUGH HOWARD.
JOHN MUNRO.

P.S. Forward the enclosed Packet to Anjengo by the first opportunity that offers. Your Factory is debted ,, qr[s]. reas. 3. 40. for a tin Lanthorn & 1. q[r]. for a half hour Glass delivered by Captain Hough to M[r]. West at Callicutt.

N°. 3

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ[R].
CHIEF &C[A]. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

We send this purposely to acquaint you of the Arrival here of Our Honourable Masters Ship Dolphin Cap[t]. Charles Pigot the seventeenth instant having left Plymouth the forteenth of April in Company with several of our Honb[le]. Masters ships bound to India under Convoy of the Harwick & Winchester Men of war.

This Ship left them the twenty sixth of that month off Madera so that we greatly apprehend all the Ships will be very Late this Year. a List of those taken up we send you now enclosed.

We cannot learn that the French are sending out to India any Ships this Season nor are any yet arrived from the Islands on this Coast.

All the homeward bound Ships of the Year 1743 were safe Arrived. We are

FORTE S[T]. GEORGE
27 AUG[ST]. 1745.
RECEIVED 20 SEPT[R]. ℔ PATTAMAR.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Serv[ts].
NIC: MORSE [*sic*] &C[A].

N°. 3 [*sic*].

LIST OF SHIPS TAKEN UP FOR THE DIFFERENT PARTES OF INDIA FOR 1745.

Scarborough	498	George Westcott		Maderas Coast & Bay.
Lincoln	498	John Blake		Maderas Coast & Bay.
Royal George	498	Thom[s]. Field		Coast & Bay.
Kent	498	Will[m]. Robson		Coast & Bay.
Admiral Vernon	498	Benjamin Webster		Coast & Bay.
Princess Mary	498	Robert Osborne		Coast & Bay.
London	498	Mathew Bootle		Madrass & China.
Dolphin	380	Char[ls]. Pigot		Madrass & China.
Augusta	498	Augustus Townsend		China.
Essex	498	George Jackson		Mocha.
Queen Caroline	498	Benjamin Mason		S[t]. Helena & Bencoola.
Pelham	498	Will[m]. Wells		Bombay.
Prince of Orange	498	George Westcott Jun[r].		Perssia & Bombay.
Walpole	498	Benjamine Lowe		Bombay to be Com[dre].

RECEIVED from Madrass.
20 SEPTEMBER 1745.

N°. 4

To John Geekie Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

The 12^th^. Instant we received yours of the seventh Instant with the Packet from the Presidency and some private Letters, which with great difficulty got safe ashore the sea running so very high and has continued so with very Dirty weather ever since which was the cause of this boats being detained here.

We hope before this comes to hand that you will have received advice of some of our Honourable Masters Ships being arrived at Bombay. We are

Anjengo
17^th^. September 1745.
received 30 September by Toney.

Sir & Sirs
Your Most humble Servants
R. Bourchier.
Robt. Bawdolle.
Thom^s^. Pattle.
Thomas Lane.

N°. 5

To the Honourable John Geekie
Commander for the Noble English Company
and its important affairs &c^A^.
Council at Tellicherry.

Honble. Sir and Sirs
and much esteemed Friends

We have enjoyed the Honour of receiveing your Honour &c^a^. Amiably letter of the Ninth O.S. of this month and beheld with much discontentment the perverse actions, the unworthy Moor Ally Rajah is exercising under the reach of our Guns against your honour and also that our Gentlemen at Cannanore permitt that Mahometan to fire on your Honour &c^a^. passing Vessels from his old Ship Lying in our Bay and to send his Vessels of Pillage with armed force out and into the Sea, to plunder the Merchants and carry them into the said Bay; and that the Mucquas must carry the Artillery ag^st^. your Honour &c^a^. and Lastly that the French at Mihie come to resort to the Moors Buzar and often times into our Jurisdiction to keep Conferences with Ignatio Teixeda.

Your Honour &c^a^. may be assured that all such indecencies cause us very great displeasure and therefore we have already taken the Necessary measures to put a Stop to the unjust proceedings of Ally Rajah and to inform him to bear more respect to our fortress and Bay in the future; and our Gentlemen at Cannanore shall likewise take care and use precaution, that all Occasions to Ignatio shall be Cut of in the Sequel to hold any Correspondence with the French which Arrive there sometimes as friends, for their proper affairs.

Concerning the rest we are very glad that our Gentlemen have given your Honour &c^a^. the satisfaction in giveing protection to a Toney of your Honour &c^a^. comeing from Mangalore and sending your Honour &c^as^. the Letters they brought as being intirely according to the affection and good friendship, we bare unto Your Honours and wherewith we have the Honour of being with great Veneration.

Cochin
28 October N.S.
1745.
received the 20^th^. Octb^r^. O.S.

Honble. Sir and Sirs
and much esteemed Friends
Your most Obedient humble Servants
R. Siersma &c^A^. Council.

N°. 6

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

We wrote you last under the twenty first of August, Duplicate of which is enclosed and are now to give you the Necessary directions relating to the Ships Fort S^t^. George Elizabeth and Walpole who now proceed in Company with the Neptunes Prise to your Port.

By the Enclosed calculates of the Elizabeth and Fort S^t^. George their Tonnage for England you will see how much Pepper is to be Ship't on board each by you to compleat their Charter Party Tonnage which being done you are to send on board them, as much more as the Comm^rs^. will engage by Letter in behalf of their Owners, to carry at half freight and then give them their final Dispatches for Great Brittain wherein you must possitively order them to keep Company thither.

We have consigned you on these Ships twenty seven Chests of Treasure which with Sundry Stores for your Settlement and Anjengo Amounts to three hundred and seventeen thousand and Seventy four Rupees and Ninty one reas as per Invoice and Bills of lading, But as the Gentlemen at Anjengo are greatly in want of the several Articles sent for the use of that Factory let them be forwarded thither as soon as possible.

It not being certain that the Edgbaston will arrive at your Place within the time limited by our Hon^ble^. Masters for her proceeding hither we have sent You on the Walpole One hundred and twenty eight Bales of Surrat Pice [*sic*] goods and thirty four Bales of Carmenia Wool, to be Shipt on her in case she exceeds her time as part of her homeward bound Cargo you compleating her Charter Party Tonnage in Pepper and despatching her home as Ordered by the Company in their Commands of the 4^th^. of November 1743.

When the Walpole is unloaded you must return her to us in Company of the Grab with the Northamptons Cargo and what Standing Masts and Top Masts she can take in and if there are any Country Ships she is to take them under Convoy.

Enclosed are Sundry Paragraphs of Our Hon^ble^. Masters Commands relateing to your Settlement received ℔ Ship Walpole to which you are to pay due regard.

If the Commanders of these Ships should want to pay any Money into your Cash you are to receive it and give them Certificates on the Hon^ble^. Court of Directors for the same.

To supply the Place of M^r^. Darby your Gunners late Mate we now send James Hogg who is a sober Man and of good Experience in his business and paid to the end of last month.

We have apointed [*sic*] M^r^. Charles Waters writer to the assistance of your Factory who now takes passage on the Elizabeth his salary has been paid to the first of July last inclusive and Diet money to the thirtyeth Ultimo.

Captain Acton haveing engaged to carry One hundred Tonnes of Salt Petre as surplus Tonnage at half freight, We have shipt on board the Fort S^t^. George eighty Tonns here and the remainder must be compleated by you.

Let M^r^. Rumbold come up hither on return of the Commodore.

We are

BOMBAY CASTLE.
14 OCTOBER 1745.

SIRS
Your loveing Friends
WILL^M^. WAKE.
CHAR^S^. WHITEHILL.
WILL: SEDGWICK.
GEO: DUDLEY.
THO^S^. MARSH.
H. HOWARD.
JOHN MUNRO.

N°. 7

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R.
&C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

I am directed by the Honourable President to Aquaint you that if Captain Pinnel should request any Salt Petre at half freight you are to let him have as much as he wants, forwarding his Original Engagement to the Company by the Elizabeth and Attested copy thereof on the Fort S^t. George. The Reason why this was not Mentioned in the General Letter is because Captain Pinnell did not mention it till he came to take Leave of his Honour, at which time all the Gentlemen of Council were gone on board the Fort S^t. George. I am

NO DATE [*sic*].

GENTLEMEN

Your very humble Servant

THO^S. HODGES,
Sec^ry.

N°. 8

To THE WORSHIPFULL JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSHIPFULL SIR AND SIRS

We are to Acknowledge the receipt of your Letter ℔ Edgbaston under date the fourteenth of May and are much oblig'd for your advices in regard to Shipping.

We are much concerned to aquaint [*sic*] you that non [*sic*] of our Honb^le. Masters ships expected this Season are not yet imported therefore have Agree'd to detain the Edgbaston here till the thirtyeth instant to see whither any of them will arrive by that time which should they not we shall then consider if it will not be more for the Honourb^le. Companys interest to send her to Madrass or Europe rather than dispatch her to Bombay that the Gentlemen there may not be disapointed of the Salt Petre ordered exlusive [*sic*] of this Ships Charter Party proportion We freight on our Country Ships two hundred and twenty Tonns Viz. on the Queen of Hungary five hundred Baggs and on the Prince Edward five hundred Bags for which we enclose Invoices and Bills of Lading to you and request you will forward the same to Bombay. The remainder two thousand three hundred Baggs we are preparing to despatch on the Essex, all these are consigned to you and you will please to Land such part thereof at your Place as you think Proper and our Honb^le. Masters Service may require.

Our Honb^le. Masters Ship the Dolphin which Arrived at Madrass in August last left Plimouth the forteenth of April and Parted Company with the Scarborough Linclor, [*sic*] Admiral Vernon and Kent and the Hardwick & Winchester Men of War off Madeira the twenty sixth of April on the twenty eight D^o. with the London & Essex and by our Advices from Fort S^t. George neither the London or any other Ships bound to Coast and Bay were Arrived there so late as the first of October. We are

FORT WILLIAM
14 NOVEMBER 1745.

WORSHIPFULL SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants

THO^S. BRADDY.
WILL^M. DAVIS.
WILL^M. BROOKE.
JN^O. JACKSON.

N°. 9

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your letter of the first of October and are Obliged to you for what you have communicated to us concerning the report of an Armament from the French Islands being on the Mallabar Coast to intercept the shippg. from Bombay. We shall Accordingly caution all ships bound that way to be on their Guard.

A few days past we were advised of the Ship Princess Augusta belonging to the Honourable Company having fallen in with Columbo in her Passage from the West coast the Commander of which Ship aquaints us that he should go for Anjengo the Middle of this Month to which place we have therefore wrote him and directed that he proceeds to Cochin and waits there till he receives Advices from you that it may be safe for the Ship to come up, when you will please to send her on to Bombay with the first Convoy. What Plank may be ready at Callicut you will Order on board and if she can be of any further Service to the Company in carrying up any goods for them you will make use of her as she is in her Ballast and has nothing for the Company in her of any kind, Captain Jacobs has directions to follow your Orders.

The Benjamin sailed for England the twenty seventh of September and the Dolphin the eight of last Month, the Shawllum from Bombay and Robert Melch from Surat are we are Informed to the Northrd. the former at Vizagapatm. and the other at Ingeram haveing lost their Passages to Bengall.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
15 NOVEMBER 1745.

GENTLEMEN
Your Most humble Servants
NIC: MORCE [*sic*].
WILLM. MONSON.
EDWARD HARRIS.
WILLM. MONSON.
JNO. SAVAGE.
EDRD. TEWK [*sic*].

N°. 10

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Your letter of the eight Instt. Advising of the Arrival of our Honble. Masters Ships, Walpole, Elizabeth and Fort St. George came to hand the fourteenth and we hope the Neptuns Prize has mett with no Accident.

We hope you will send down Our Stores as soon as Possible being in great want of them.

The Princess Augusta belonging to Our Honourable Masters bound from Bencoolen to Fort St. George has lost her Passage and is Arrived on this Coast the Chief received a Letter from the Commander of the thirteenth Instant of Brunjohn but the Current setting so strong to the so.ward & we having very dirty rainy weather for some days past she does not yet appear. We are

ANJENGO
16 NOVEMBER 1745.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servants
R. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
THOS. LANE.

N°. 11

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Your Letter of the twenty fourth Ultimo came to hand the fourth Instant and the Sundry Stores and two Chests containing each ten thousand Rupees ℔ Munchua besides which we have received four Bales qtg. broad Cloth & Perpetts which we had indented for to Bombay but is not mentioned in the Invoice of them.

Agreeable to your request we now send you on Ship Prince Edward a detatchment of thirty seven men as ℔ enclosed List, the rice already Advanced them with the remainder of this Mos. pay will go to Subsist their Families, so must request that you do not pay them till from the first of Januar--. We are

ANJENGO
8TH. DECEMBER 1745.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servants
RICHARD BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
THOMAS LANE.

N° 12

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Your Letter of the Sixteenth Inst. came to hand this Moment and Captain Jacob in the Princess Augusta being sailed we Ordered your Toney to make all possible haste after her with yours and the Madrass Letters. As we did not apprehend any danger between this Port and yours and as his laying at Cochin for your further Orders might be the Occasion of detaining a Convoy we Ordered him to make the best of his way to Tellicherry as his Ship must be Seathed at Bombay, he has no time to loose.

By the Prince Edwrd. we sent you a Detatchment of thirty Seven men with their Arms and wish we could send you a further supply of Arms, but we have spared so many to the King of Travencore which has put it out of Our Power.

The Ships you mention all touched here except the Triton Snow, As did the Elizabeth for Bombay and the Lorrain and Expedition both for Mozembeque. We are

ANJENGO
21ST. DECEMBER 1745.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servants
RICHRD. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
THOS. LANE.

N°. 13

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.

SIR

On the [...] Instant I received an Ola from the Prince by a Messenger Express, Copy of the translate in Portuguese that was sent with it goes inclosed as does my Answer which can be only in a General way as I have heard nothing from you in relation to the Contents of the Ola. From what the Messenger relates I am apprehensive the Princes Evil Ministers have Obliged you to come to blows which I should be sory [*sic*] for as it will doubtless create great Confusion in the Country. I know one of the House of Colastria more especially will be solliciting your Assistance for takeing the Government from Prince Cuni Homo nor do I see how you can Avoid giving it him if the Prince has behaved in such Manner as to force you to have

recourse to Arms in Defence of the Honble. Companys dear bought Privledges from what I remember of his Disposition I believe your present disputes must have proceeded from his haveing unguardedly suffer'd his base Ministers to put him upon Measures contrary to his true Interest of which I hope you may be able to make his Highness senceible and Settle all Affairs upon a Paceable footing. if you are not you know what you are to do.

As this goes by Pattamar you will most probably hear from me by a Sea Conveyance before it can be received, therefore I shall only add that,

BOMBAY CASTLE.
THE 19 NOVBR. 1745.

I am
SIR
Your Most Affect. Friend
and humble Servt.
W. WAKE.

N°. 14

TO THE PRINCE OF COLASTRIA.

I received your Highnesses Ola with Translate of it in Portuguese, but the Language is so bad as to render it scarce intelligible. However by it I perceive the good Harmony that has so long subsisted between the Honble. Company and your Highness has met with some Interruption which gives me much concern, well knowing that both interests are mutual. The Prodigious expences they have been at of late years to preserve your Dominions is a Certain demonstration of their extraordinary kind and Good intentions towards your Highness and for which they desire no other return than quiet and free Liberty of Trade in your Country agreeable to the Grants of your Ancestors and those of your Highness, paying the Merchts. duely for what they buy and your Highness your Customs, which tends greatly to the enriching your Country and the encrease of your revenues.

The Honble. Company do not desire to interfere in the Government of your Country, but if your Vassals are permitted to Murder our People impede our Trade by rendering it unsafe to pass in the Country and to give us continual insults, with impunity, under such Circumstances what other measure can be expected should be taken than such as are consistant with our safety; These great injuries obliged us last Year to take such satisfaction of Ally Rajah as we could then get as it could no otherwise be Otained, [*sic*] for notwithstanding the greatest Indignities have been given by that House, even to your own Royal Persson, [*sic*] I hear the Moors of Cannanore are greatly in your favour. The Modalier I know was your faithfull Subject but I wish you may find the Like in Pallicutti Mapla, I likewise am certain that Domgo. Rodrigues was always hearty in your true Interest, who cannot send any of the Honble. Compys. Military on any Occasion; that must be by Order of the Chief which I hope there has not been Occasion for as Nothing but Our Own preservation could Occasion such a step. What may have happened in about six Months past I know not for want of Advices from Tellicherry, but I daily expect to hear from thence when Proper directions shall be given thither for Accomodateing any difference that may have Arose which certainly can only have proceeded from evil Councellors, being fully Senceible of your Highnesses good Intentions towards the Honble. Company and theirs towards your Highness and who never will expect anything of you but what is consistent with their true interest and benefit of your Country. When this is received I request of your Highness to send such of your Ministers to Mr. Geekie as he can have Confidence in with my Letter to him which Accompanys this, giving them Authority to Accommodate all differences in a friendly manner towards which I am certain he will certainly Contribute and on which Ocasion I hope shortly to congratulate your highness for whose Royal Persson, [*sic*] I have for many years shewn so great a Deference and respect.

BOMBAY CASTLE.
19TH. NOVBR. 1745.

W. WAKE.

N°. 15

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

We wrote you last by the Walpole under the fourteenth of October but have not received any Advices from your Settlement since those dated the tenth of June last. We Learn indeed by an Ola or rather a Translate in Portugueze that came with it from Prince Cuni Homo to the President (both which are enclosed) that you had commenced Hostilities against him, in support as we conjecture of Baddencalencore: but as we were ignorant of your real motives the President wrote him a Friendly answer (as ℔ Copy enclosed) in General Terms only, but gave him an Opening to Accomodate differences with you in case he has any Inclination which we should be glade [*sic*] to hear had the desired Effect. And in this Packet is Duplicate of a Letter the President wrote the Chief upon the Occasion to which we referr you.

As the Walpole by Our Honb^le. Masters Orders is to be sent to China in April, We would have you provoid [*sic*] at the Cheapest hands in part of her Loading two Candys hundred and fifty (250) Candies of Sandal Wood Viz: One hundred (100) Candys of the 1^st. Sort and the rem^r. of the second which with four hunder'd Candys of Pepper the Quantity we Judge can be Spared, you will keep in readyness to be put on board as soon as the Ship Arrives with you.

This you will receive by a Patamar Boat which we send on Purpose to give you an Oportunity of Communicating to us what Advices may be Necessary, therefore detain or dispatch her Accordingly.

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 13^TH. DECEMBER 1745.

We are
SIRS
Your Loving Friends

WILL: WAKE.
W. SHEDGWICK.
W. MARSH.
H. HOWARD.
J. MUNRO.

N°. 16

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

We wrote you under the thirteenth Ins^t. but the Ship Essex returning from Surat occasioned our keeping the boat till now.

The Following is a List of sundry Articles to be provided by you as soon as possible at the cheapest rates you can for Our Honb^le. Masters Ship Essex bound to Mocho for which her Supra Cargoes Mess^rs. Adair and Jackson will pay you. Viz.

Pepper	200 Candies.
Cardamoms 2^d. Sort	20 Ditto.
Sapan Wood	20 Ditto.
Ginger	50 Ditto.
Turmerick	50 Ditto.
Sandel Wood 2^d. Sort	25 Ditto.

SPICES VIZ.

Cloves to the Amount of about	Ru^s. 6,000
Nutmeggs	1,500
Cinnamon	1,000
Mace	1,000

Advise the Price of 2d. sort of Sandel Wood at your Place by Lodging a Letter with the Portugueze Factor at Mangalore for the Supra Cargoes by the fifteenth of Next Month to be delivered them on their Arrival, when they will aquaint you whither they will purchase it for them.

On the twentyeth Inst. imported our Honble. Masters Ship Prince of Orange from Persia she left the Downs the Nineteenth of April and sail'd in Company of their Ships Pelham, Royal George and Princess Mary under the Convoy of the Newcastle man of war who parted Company with them the twenty nineth following in a hard gale of wind. On the first of June Captain Westcott fell in with the Scarborough, Lincoln, Admiral Vernon and Kent under Convoy of the Hardwick and Winchester Men of War, but they determining to put into the Cape he left them on the first of July in at Latd. 18 So. and 28W Longitude from London and reports that the Men of War buried many of their men.

This Ship will be dispatched hence in due time to fill with Pepper on your Coast. We are

BOMBAY CASTLE
25 DECEMBER 1745.

Your Loveing friends
W. WAKE.
W. SEDGWICK.
GEO: DUDDLEY.
JOHN MUNRO.

No. 17

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

This moment Mr. Bourchier has received a Letter from Mr. Clement Searle Supra Cargo of the Ship Expedition at Cochin advising that on the twenty fourth Instant at nine O Clock in the Morning a ship with English Colours was taken by Six Grabs and eight Gallevats almost within Gun shot of a Dutch Ship which lay in Cochin road with her Masts down and Sails Unbent. The Ship taken must be the Princess Augusta belonging to the Honble Company which Ship sailed from the red Clifts the twentyeth in the Evening.

We hope this Advice will come time enough for the Walpole and Bombay Grabs to intercept their carrying the Ship up the Coast.

He likewise Advises that the twenty fift Inst. eight of Angria's Vessels passed Cochin to the So.ward so that should the Bombay Grabs be with you they may Certainly prevent their geting back to the Northward which we heartily wish. We are

ANJENGO
29TH. DECEBR. 1745.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servts.
RICHARD BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
THOS. LANE.

N°. 18

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

Yesterday Capt. Thorp imported here in the Essex, with two thousand, Six hundred Baggs (2600) of Salt Petre on board belonging to our Honble. Masters, with which we did not think it safe for her to proceed up the Coast a single ship untill we are at some certainty what is become of Angrias Fleet since the Unfortunate Accident of the Princes Augusta, or till we know whither you send down any force to Protect her, for which reason we have sent this boat Express and request that you will immediately send us directions for her proceeding. We are

ANJENGO
1 JANRY. 174

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servts.
℔ TONEY.
RICHRD. BOURCHIER.
&CA.

N°. 19

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

The 21st. we answered yours of the 16th. by your own Toney and this morning we received your Letter of the 18th. with Invoice of broad Cloth and a small box of stationary ware the Cloth shall be entered on our books with the other Invoice that both our books may agree.

With pleasure we hear of the Arrival of the Detachment we sent you but can't help being surprized at the Account you give of their Arms being useless as they were examined before they went from hence, And our Officer thought them good and only told them that they would be changed when found insufficient.

We now despatch you a Light Pingett with fifty exceeding good Arms as per Invoice enclosed Amounting to Rupees four hundred and thirteen (413) which is most of the Stores we had by us and must desire you will send us a Supply when you receive your Supplys from Bombay as we shall be distressed shou'd we have any Occasion, which we hope shall not happen. We are

ANJENGO
27 DECEMBER 1745.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servts.
RICHRD. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
THOS. LANE.

N°. 20

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

This moment I received yours of this days date and According to your Orders despatch the Barge to you with orders to make all the heast [*sic*] possible to you.

The prices of spice of all kind are twenty ℔ Cent more than at Cannanore, besides the quantity requir'd not procurable here, shou'd Capt. Thorp touch at Cochin and bring Mr. Searle the supra Cargo of the Expedition, his Cloves from thence, which Amount to near six thousand Rupees I have got his Order to take them if you approve of it at the rate of Seventy two Rupees for twenty four Dutch pounds, which be pleased to let me know whether you do or no.

The Merch^{ts}. will be here in the Morning to Contract for Pepper, which I hope to be able to get for less than One hundred & two Rupees the Candy, and shall then break the Price with them for the Other Commodities.

CALLICUT.
10TH. JAN^{RY}. 1745/6.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most hum^{le}. Serv^{t}.
W. WEST.

N^{o}. 21

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

I have contracted for the Pepper for the Essex at one hundred Rupees ℔ Candy, the Ginger at thirty, and I believe shall tomorrow the Turmerick at twenty nine which are the very lowest prices. For these last Articles please to send me money by the first Conveyance as well as for the Sapan wood which will come out about thirty three Rupees ℔ Candy of the best sort.

As for the 2^{d}. Sort of Cardamums & Sandall wood there is very little of either in the place and what is, the Merch^{ts}. ask four hundred & eighty Rup^{s}. ℔ Candy, of six hundred pounds for the first, and Ninty for the Latter exclusive of all charges, as the above purchas'd are.

Enclosed is Account of Cardamum and powder Chests, Wax Candles &c^{a}. ship'd on board the Expedition Munchua Amounting with Charges to Rupees seven hundered, thirty & one rea.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Serv^{t}.
W. WEST.

CALLICUT
12 JANUARY 1745/6.

N^{o}. 22

To THE WORSHIPFULL JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^{R}.
&C^{A}. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

We Advised you of our Arrival at Anjengo the 1st. Inst. and that we should wait there for further news from the North, which way Angria had steered his Course but as we had not any Acc^{t}. of him we proceeded to this Place and have despatched this boat to acquaint you therewith.

As M^{r}. Bourchier thought we were in great risque in going up a single ship we propose to wait here a few days for News from the North, Especialy as we have a Large concern aboard on the Hon^{ble}. Companys Account the Commodore here acquaints us that he had news that Angria was Cruizing between Callicut and Penany, so yet cannot resolve when we can leave this Place (but hope a Convoy will be sent to the South) or else we must run a great risque. The Dutch Ship that is here can protect us, but her stay will be only for six days, then she returns to Ceylone.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obed^{t}. Serv^{ts}.
JOHN THORP
PETER NOKE.

COCHIN
9TH. JAN^{RY}. 1745/6.

N°. 23

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY

SIR AND SIRS

Your Letter of the 31st. Ultimo came to hand last night, when we received the President and Council of Fort St. George directions for the Princess Augusta's proceeding for Bombay to refitt, We gave the Capt. Orders to make the best of his way for your Port, where he was to follow your Orders, not expecting any danger between this Place and Tellicherry; As that ship was taken so far to the so.ward, we hope some of Our Vessels will retake her before she can Arrive at any of Angria's Ports.

The Essex is here with two thousand six hundred baggs of Our Honble. Masters Salt Petre on board and Wait your directions for her proceeding.

What we wrote you the 8th. Inst. with the Detachment sent you was as follows.

" Agreeable to your request we now send you on Ship Prince Edward a De-
" tachment consisting of 37 men as ℔ enclosed List the rice already Advanced
" them with the remr. of their months pay will go to subsist their families so must
" request that you don't pay them, till from the 1st. of January; And our Pay-
" master had Orders to supply them with provisions for their passage up. We have detained your Toney no longer than from last night till this day Noon. We are

ANJENGO
5TH. JANRY. 1745/6.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servts.
RICHARD BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
THOS. LANE.

P.S. The Detachment was supplied with 10 Bales of Rice and other Necessarys to the Amt. of 3 Rupees.

N°. 24

To THE WORSHIPFULL JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

We wrote you the 11th. Inst. from Cochin since we took this opportunity to come up here with a Dutch Ship that was sent to reinforce another Ship & Sloop of theirs, as Angria has been off here several times As yet we have not any Account of him, but by a Munchua which came from your Port they told us Angria was gone to the Northward and that they saw a French ship between Callicut and this Place, we hope in a day or two shall be certain she as well as Angria is gone out of our way.

Should you favour us with an Answer to this Please to give orders for the boat not to sail on the Night after they have passed Callicut and should they see a Ship to make towards her and when they came nigh us to hoist English Collours.

We hope you'll excuse the trouble we have given you, but the Late Accident of Capt. Jacobs makes us the more Cautious how we proceed. We are

PENANY OR CHITWAY
15 JANRY. 1745/6.

SIRS
Your most humble Servts.
JOHN THORP.
PETER NOCK.

N°. 25

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

Since our last of the 15th. Ultimo we have not received any from you.

The Enclosed Packet for our Honble. Masters we desire may be forwarded by the first Ship dispatched from your side.

The Purport of it is chiefly to Advise the Arrival of their Ships Scarbourgh, Lincoln, Royal George, Kent, and Admiral Vernon the 11th. Inst. under the Convoy of his Majesties Ships Harwich and Winchester.

The Pelham Capt. Wells left the Cape in Company with the above the 26 Septr. but losing her Foremast and Bottspritt she was obliged to put back to refit there the 29th. The Prince of Orange that joined the Fleet the 31st. of May, left it the 30th. of June. The Commander proposing to proceed for Persia the inner passage: The Royal George parted with the Princess Mary the 17th. July about 80 Leagues west of the Cape, we have no further Acct. of the London since her Leaveing the Essex.

FORT ST. GEORGE
23D. DECBR. 1745.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most humle. Servts.
NIC: MORSE
&CA.

N°. 26

To THE WORSHIPFULL JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

WORSHIPL. SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to what wrote in yours of the 14th. Ultimo we have laden on board the Essex the 2300 Baggs of Salt Petre which we designed by her as also a further quantity of 350 Baggs left behind by the Queen of Hungary which that Ship was obliged to sail without, the sloop whereon it was Laden not geting down to her in time, the Invoice and Bill of Lading of the above we enclose herewith Amounting to Rupees 35945 And request you will forward the same to the President and Council at Bombay. You will Please to take out such part of of this Salt Petre as you may think proper and the Honle. Companys service may require.

None of Our Honle. Masters Ships being Arrived at this time, We are determined to send the Edgebaston to Europe. We are

FORT WILLIAM
2D. DECBR. 1745.

WORSHL. SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servts.
THOS. BRADDYLE.
W. DAVIS.
W. BROOKE.
JN. JACKSON.

P.S: As the quantity of Salt Petre that went on the Queen of Hungary was but 150 Baggs instead of 500 baggs designed for her, we now send a Particular Invoice thereof Amtg. to Currt. Rups. 2085 and shall write back the Amount of the former Invoice.

N°. 27

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Capt. John Thorp being impatient at his long stay here and observing that you had Advice from Callicut of Angria's Fleet being gone to the Northward has come to a resolution to proceed up the Coast as far as Cochin without any Convoy in hopes of meeting some Advices there.

ANJENGO
6TH. JANRY. 1745/6.

We are
SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servants
RICHBD. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
THOS. LANE.

N°. 28

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT ANJEN.

We have received your several Letters of the 6th. 7th. & 11th. Instant the former advising of the receipt of the Arms we sent you and the latter of Angria's Fleet being gone to the Northward and the French ship at Pennany.

Capt. Thorp being impatient at his long stay here and concluding that Angria's Fleet were gone to the Northward with their prize left this Port the 6th. Instant and he Advised Mr. Bourcher from Cochin that as the Enemy was still to the So.ward he intended to take the Protection of two Dutch Ships at Chittaway as he did not think himself safe in Cochin road.

By this Boat of yours we have sent Capt. Thorp the Advices we have received from you and shall give them to any Ships that may Arrive but none hase appeared since the Essex. We are

ANJENGO
15 JANUARY 1745/6.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble. Servts.
RICHARD BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
THOS. LANE.

N°. 29

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

This serves to enclose you the Accounts of this Factory for last Month, and to acknowledge the receipt on the 15th. Instant of the five thousand Rupees yo sent me towards purchasing part of the Essex's Cargo for Mocha.

CALLICUT
17TH. JANRY. 1745/6.

I am
SIR & SIRS
Your most humle. Servt.
W. WEST.

N°. 30

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Herewith you will receive Account of Firewood, Cardamum, Chests and Bisket laden on board the Expedition Munchua, Amounting with Charges to Rus. 129.2.67.

The Linguist haveing laid out all the Hon^le. Company's money in providing the several indents for Bombay and Tellicherry desires a further supply of three or four thousand Rupees ℔ first Conveyance.

The Samorine is so very ill that he suffers none of his Ministers to come near him therefore Applying to him to discharge what is now due upon his Ola to the Honb^le. Company will be to no purpose.

At noon passed by this Place the Essex from Bengall.

CALLICUT
19^TH. JANUARY 1745/6.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Serv^t.
W. WEST.

N°. 31

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

On the 23^d. at night I received yours of the 21^st. with four thousand rupees for the Expence of the Factory.

Herewith you will receive Acc^t. firewood Cardamum Chests and Bisket laden on board the Expedition Munchua, likewise what Advanced to five Dutch deserters from Cochin which I ventured to do as I thought men might be wanted on Bombay and I now send them up to you.

CALLICUT
26 JAN^RY. 1745/6.

I am
SIR & SIRS
Your most hum^le. Serv^ts.
W. WEST.

P.S. Please to let me know if you want any more Bisket.

N°. 32

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

This serves to enclose the Accounts of this Factory for last Month, what Cardamum Chests will be ready will be sent you by next Conveyance & the Carpenters whos[e] feast it has been this week will sett to finish the rem^r. with all Expedition. I am

CALLICUT
1 FEB^RY. 1745/6.

SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Serv^t.
W. WEST.

N°. 33

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

Your Commands of the 4^th^. I received this Forenoon and would have returned the Munchua today had the Custom Masters permitted me to have ship't the Cardamum Chests, but they would not, nor anything else till tomorrow, when leave will be granted to the Merchants &c^a^. to transact their affairs as usual, it haveing been deny'd them for some days past on Acc^t^. of the Samorines Death which the Accompanying Ola from Manget Achem the head minister to the Chief will acquaint you with. I am

CALLICUT
6^TH^. FEB^RY^. 1745/6.

SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Serv^t^.
W. WEST.

N°. 34

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Herewith you'll receive Acc^t^. of 10,000 Billets of firewood and twenty Cardamum Chests laden on board the Munchua Amounting to Rup^s^. 100. –. 83. I am

CALLICUT
7 FEBRY. 1745/6.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most hum^le^. Serv^t^.
W. WEST.

N°. 35

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

Being informed that the Prince of Orange will be dispatched from the Coast, this [is] to inform you that we have ready in the Banksall two hundred and fifty Tonnes of Pepper and Cloth in case you want any goods to make up her Tonnage, fifteen tonns of which is Cloth which we should be glad you'd order the Cap^t^. to receive as it must suffer by lying the rains here.

We have Advice that the French Ship which was at Panany still keeps hovering about the Cape but as none of her Consorts have yet appeared she is not of force to give any Concern. We are

ANJENGO
1 FEBRY 1745/6.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Serv^ts^.
RICH^RD^. BOURCHIER.
THO^S^. PATTLE.
THO^S^. LANE.

N°. 36

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Yours of the 8th. Inst. I received this Afternoon and if possible will leave this Place tomorrow night.

The Enclosed is Acct. of 30,000 Billets of firewood laden on board the Expedition Munchua and of what advanced to Dutch Deserters who now take their passage upon her.

CALLICUT
9TH. FEBRY. 1745/6.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most humble Servts. [*sic*]
W. WEST.

N°. 37

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

We wrote you under the 13th. & 25th. Decr. since when your Letters of the 6th. & 9th. of the same Month Pr. Walpole with that of the 7th. Jañry ℔ Express Boat are come to hand; To all which we are now to reply.

This you will receive by Our Hoñble Masters Ship Prince of Orange on whom we have Laden 202 (Tons): 952 (Decemls.). (as ℔ Calculate Enclosed.) On her Arrival you are to Lade on board the 128 Bales of Surat Piece Goods, & 34 Bales of Carmenia Wool, formerly designed for the Edgebaston, and after Compleating her Quantity of salt Petre just 150 Tons, she is to be despatched for filling up at Anjengo, unless you shou'd have reason to apprehend any danger from Enemies in her Passage thither. In which case You must Compleat her Loading according to Charter Party, and letting the Commander have as much surplus Tonnage in Pepper as he may request at half Frieght; Deliver him his final Dispatches for Great Brittain.

The Essex and Walpole now Proceed in Company of the Prince of Orange, The former of which is under the Directions of Messrs. Adair & Jackson, and calls at Mangulore to take in part of her Cargoe for Mocho, one, if not both of the others will lay with her during her stay at Mangulore, in which Mr. Dudley to whose Discretion it is left, will be Govern'd by such Advices as he may hear of the Enemy on his Arrival there.

By the Walpole we have Laden 300 Bales of Cotton which being design'd for part of her China Cargoe, You must Land, & keep in readiness for Shipping off with the rest of her Goods (as Allotted in Ours of the 13th. Ulto. about the latter end of April, when she will call at your Port: You should have sent up on the Walpole, all the Northamptons Cargoe, or Protested against the Commander, more especially all the Cloth, as for want of some particular sorts, we could only put up the Auroras: Let the remainder therefore of that Ships Cargoe be now loaded upon the Walpole, and after putting on board such stores as may be ready, with as much Salt Petre, as she can take in, You must dispatch her in proper time to Arrive here by the beginning of April, or sooner, unless you may have any particular service for her, in joining the Commodore to give Convoy to whatever English Country Ships or Vessels are willing to proceed with him.

We observe a Deficiency of Rupees 16. in the Treasure Consigned you ℔ Walpole, which we are at a loss to Account for, as the same was weighed and Packed in the Presence of One of Our Board, and the assistant to the Treasurers: Acquaint us therefore in which of the Chests it arose, and how the Package appeared. The Treasure now sent, the Pursers of the respective ships saw Counted.

As Cunisieu proved shuffling & Dilatory, We approve of Your Contracting for the Cardamoms with Ticandy Cunially, and Toy Cunially, but let no opportunity escape you of recovering what is Owing by Cunisieu.

An Adjutant has often been sollicited for from your settlement, and as often Denied, and you must no longer Continue Ensign Forbes in that Employ, or appoint any other in his stead, but let the Officers take due care to Exercise the Men, as has always been Usual.

If no inconvenience shou'd Accrue from your letting out to one Person the sole Liberty of Retailing spirituous Liquors, it is to be Continued.

We have now fully supplied you with y^e^. Stores You indented for, excepting the Salt Petre and Tin, the first of which Articles, you may take out of your own Warehouse, & the other being to be had Cheaper at Callicut than at this Place, must be provided there, —Let all your Old and useless Arms be sent hither by the return of the Commodore.

We approve of Your Contracting with Domingos Rodrigues to supply you with Rice for the service of your Garrison.

We are pleased to hear that you were so near coming to an Accommodation with the Country Governments, for Warrs, thô. ever so just and well Conducted, must have Considerably encreased Your Expences, thô how much we are no where informed.

We have now Consigned You the sum of 80,000 Rupees equally divided on the Walpole and Prince of Orange, which with your Ballance of Cash under the 7^th^. Instant, and what the supra Cargoes of the Essex will repay you, Amounts to Rupees three hundred, & six thousand & thirty nine, & fifty four Reas (R^s^. 306,039. —. 54) which we judge fully sufficient to Answer your Demands for the Current Year, especially, as M^r^. Geekie will pay in a sum, for which you must Grant him Bills on the Hoñble Company as you may Certificates to any of the Commanders who want to pay in Money.

The Chief has our Permission to return to England on any ship he Chuses, thô we are sorry his Ill state of health makes such a step Necessary; On his leaving your Place, he must resign over this Charge to M^r^. George Dudley, who being appointed his successor now takes Passage on the Prince of Orange.

Ensign Worrall has leave to return to his Native Country S^t^. Hellena, and in his stead we have now sent you Ensign Poquin, who is paid to the end of last Month.

Remember as a standing Rule, to transmit us as often as you write an Account shewing your remains of Europe and, India Goods in Warehouse at the date of your Advices.

Of the Tar received ℔ Walpole, there were three Barrells Deficient which Captain Lowe Objected to make Good. Alledging it was sent on board his ship in that manner: Let this therefore be clear'd up in your next Letter, and Adjusted with him accordingly.

M^r^. Alexander Douglas Factor now takes Passage on the Prince of Orange for your settlement, his salary has been paid him to the 2^nd^. Ult^o^. and Diet Money for last Month.

We are well Assured the Island of Durmapatam, by giving suitable Encouragement to Cultivate it, may be made very Productive and Beneficial therefore we doubt not of Your taking the most proper Methods for that end.

As our keeping the Prisoners You sent hither, wou'd Create an unnecessary expence to the Hoñble Company we now return them on the Walpole & Prince of Orange, You may therefore on their Arrival release them, all, unless you judge, that detaining three or four of the Head ones may be of any service.

We approve of Your keeping the Walpole Detatchment, whom we have struck out of Our Muster Roll, for December, and must be paid by you for that Month as ℔ Abstract Enclosed; The pay of Captain Gowin has been made good to his Family, here, and as Batty has been delivered to some of the Peoples Family's you are to Deduct the same out of their respective Pay, as ℔ Account Enclosed.

By the Walpole we have sent a Chest of stationary Ware for the service of Anjengo Factory which You are to forward thither by the first Opportunity, with the Enclosed Packet.

BOMBAY CASTLE
FEBRY 1ST. 1745/6.

We are
SIRS
Your Loving Friends
WM. WAKE.
WM. SEDGWICK.
GEO: DUDLEY.
THOS. MARSH.
H. HOWARD.
JNO. MUNRO.
RT. RAWDON.
RICHD. SANDERS.

P.S. Provide & send hither as soon as possible 200 Teak Plank of One foot Broad, & 20 feet long. Also 180 Joices of 17 Ft. long, & 6 Inchs. thick wanted for Gombroon Factory.

N°. 38

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

We are this day favourd with your two Letters of the 7th. Jañry, & 6th. Instant.

By the former You Advise us of the Price of Sandall Wood at Callicut, and your waiting Our Answer for making a Provision of the same.

In the latter you mention your being unable to purchase that Commodity, which we hope shall get here. We are

MANGULORE
FEBRY. 12TH. 1745.

SIR & SIRS
YR. most humble Servants
ARCHD. ADAIR.
GEO: JACKSON.

N°. 39

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR. &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

Since Our last of the 1st. Instant we have received Letters from Madrass acquainting us of the Arrival of Our Hoñble Masters ships Admiral Vernon, Scarborough, Lincoln, Kent & Royal George, under Convoy of his Majesties ships Winchester and Harwich, which with other material Advices, we now Communicate to the Hoñble Company in the Accompanying Packet dispatched by a Boat Express in hopes of reaching your Place time enough, to be forwarded by the Prince of Orange, But in case she shou'd be sailed for Anjengo, You must hasten away the Boat recommending Our Packet to the Care of the Chief & Factors there.

The Pelham came out of the Cape, with the abovemention'd ships, the 26th. Septr. but having the Misfortune to lose her Bowsprit and Foremast put back the 29th. We hope. Notwithstanding she will arrive on your Coast in time to come up with the Walpole.

You may detain this Boat till anything offers worthy Communicating to us.

BOMBAY CASTLE.
FEBRY. 18TH. 1745/6.

We are
SIRS
Yr. Loving Friends
W. WAKE.
W. SEDGWICKE.
T. MARSH.
J. MUNRO.
RD. RAWDON.
RD. SANDERS.

To JOHN GEEKIE ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

This serves to enclose You the Invoice and Bill of Lading of Cotton, & stores Consigned you by the Hoñble the President and Council on Board the Ship Walpole, Amounting to Rupees 71344. 1. 2.

BOMBAY CASTLE
FEBRUARY 1ST. 1745/6

I am
GENTLEMEN
Yr. very humble Servant
THOS. HODGES
Secry.

No. 40

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

Your Letter of the 15th. Instant came to hand the 19th. with a General Letter from Bombay.

We are ready for the Prince of Orange whenever she Arrives, so that she shall not be detaind here, and the Captain shall be supplied with surplus Pepper on his request.

The stationary Ware will be very acceptable as we are in great want of it.

As we have not received the Iron we Indented for from Bombay, please to send us five Candy by Our small Munchua which is now at Callicut.

We Congratulate Mr. Dudleys succession to Tellicherry, and We are

ANJENGO
FEBRY. 22ND. 1745/6.

SIR & SIRS
Yr. most humble servants
RD. BOURCHIER.
THS. PATTLE.
THS. LANE.

N°. 41

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

Enclosed You will receive Account of Thirty five thousand Billets of Firewood, Laden on board the Expedition Munchua, Amounting to, with Charges thereon, Rupees, One hundred three, and twenty three reas. (103. —. 23).

CALLICUT
FEBRY 27TH. 1745/6.

I am
SIR & SIRS
YR. most humble servant
WM. WEST.

N°. 42

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

Your Letter of yesterdays Date by the Express Boat, I received about an hour past, and having put on board the Anjengo Munchua the seventy Barrs of Iron, and two Chests of Arms, I now return her.

The Essex will sail this afternoon for Mocha. I am

CALLICUT
MARCH 4TH. 1745/6.

SIR & SIRS
YR. Most Humble Servant
WM. WEST.

N°. 43

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

Enclosed you will receive Account of Thirty five thousand Billets of Firewood laden on board the Expedition Munchua, Amounting with Charges to Ninety Nine Rupees, two Quarters, and Fifty eight reas.

The Honble Companys ship Essex sailed from hence for Mocha, the 5th. and yesterday the Phazzesalam, and Fort William left this Place for Surat, so that no English ship now remains here. I am

SIR & SIRS
YR. most humble servt.
W. WEST.

CALLICUT
MARCH 7TH. 1745/6.

N°. 44

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

My intent was Yesterday to have left this Place as to Night, but one of the Samorines Ministers having since come to the Factory, to acquaint me that the Samorine, would come to Callicut on Sunday next, and being informed that he wou'd look on my going away, without seeing of him, as an affront. I have determined to stay till I hear from You tho. my Paying him a Visit will be attended with the like Presents given to the late Samorine, when he first came to Callicut after his Coronation, and two Officers Fuzzes, as his Minister let me to understand.

Shou'd you approve of my waiting on him, be pleased to send likewise an Officer with fifteen or sixteen Men, which with the Serjeant and twelve already here will be sufficient, and pray let them be sent so as to be here by Sunday Night as on Tuesday he will expect me.

I am
SIR & SIRS
YR. Most humble Servant
W. WEST.

CALLICUT
MARCH 13TH. 1745/6.

N°. 45

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

This serves to enclose You the Accounts of this Factory for last Month, and Advise you that part of the Samorines People arrived at his Palace this Morning, & he himself is at Beypore.

As the supra Cargoes of the Essex their Account of Goods taken in here amounted to no more than Rupees Twenty four thousand, two hundred, thirty eight, One quarter, and forty reas. (24238. 1. 40). I shall pay the Linguist the Ballance in my hands, Amounting to Rupees Two thousand thirty six, two quarters and sixty Reas. (2036. 2. 60) with the Samorines and Companys Customs, as he will want Money.

I am
SIR & SIRS
YR. Most humble servants [*sic*]
W. WEST.

CALLICUT
MARCH 14TH. 1745/6.

N°. 46

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

We are favour'd with Yours of the 3d. Inst. which came to hand the 8th. & with it received the two Chests containing fifty Fire Arms, & the Iron you mention which was right as to the Number of Barrs but is Deficient Fifty three Pounds (53) lb in weight, which we desire may be Rectified, as we have had it Weighed twice over

with the greatest Exactness. There is also a small Error in the Invoice of Stationary Ware said to Amount ten Pounds, seven Shillings, ten Pence, three Farthings
£. S. D.
(10. 7. $10\frac{3}{4}$) which shou'd be ten Pounds, ten Shillings seven Pence half penny
£. S. D. S. D.
(10. 10. $7\frac{1}{2}$) the Difference of two shillings eight Pence three Farthings (2. $8\frac{3}{4}$.) please to Charge this Factory.

The Northesk which has a large Quantity of our Honble Masters Copper aboard, saild hence the 10th. Instant, & as the Walpole was sail'd, we believe the Captain will put off directly through the ten Degree Channell.

We are

ANJENGO

SIR & SIRS

MARCH 12TH. 1745/6.

Your most humble Servts.

RD. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
THS. LANE.

No. 47

TO GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letters of the 31st. December & 16th. Febry the former acquainting us of our Honble Masters ship the Princess Augusta being taken by Angria. And in this Unfortunate Circumstance it is some Satisfaction to us, to hear the People on board her Behaved well.

We observe Mr. Geekies intention to return to Europe, and Mr. Dudleys succeeding to the Chiefship in which we wish him all manner of success.

A few days past we had Advice from the So. ward, that a Ship said to be from France Arrived at their Settlement at Caracal, & landed three Chests of Treasure, an officer and forty Men & then went to Tranquibar, since which we have been further inform'd that she has run on shore, & that the Captain of one of our Men of Warr has taken Possession of her.

By a Macoa ship that Arriv'd here the 29th. Ulto. we hear the Hardwicke and Northampton sailed from Wampo the 24th. December.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE

GENTLEMEN

APRIL 3D. 1746.

Your most humble Servants

NICHS. MORSE.
THS. EYRE.
WM. JOHNSON.
JNO. SAVAGE.
EDWD. FOWKE.

N°. 48

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

On the 19th. of last Month We received Yours Letter of the 2nd. of the same ℔ Walpole which ship we now Dispatch directly to China the Season being too late for her to take in Goods at Your Port without evidently endangering her Passage to Canton.

We shoud be glad to hear you had been able to accommodate matters with the Prince, but the Method proposed by the late Chief of giving him five thousand Rupees to Cutt off his Evil Counsellors carries in it something too sanguine for us to Approve, Indeed if he cou'd be induc'd by any reasonable means to remove from his Council those ill Advisers that are incessantly fomenting him against the Hoñble Company, We Assure Ourselves all such will be made use of by you.

In Consideration of the Losses the Mucquas sustained from your difference with Ally Rajah, & their being so very usefull, & necessary a Sett of People, we Acquiesce in Your giving them Nine hundred Rupees on the Hoñble Companys Account to put them in a way of getting their Livelyhood in their usual manner.

A Surat Guz is twenty seven (27) Inches & when evr'y piece of the Dungaree is Measured you will find the whole quantity to contain six thousand (6000) Guz, which at twenty (20) Guz ℔ piece makes just three hundred (300) Pieces, so that the difference of One hundred ninety six Guz probably proceeds from Your not measuring evr'y Piece, as they are not of an equal Length.

Let the Enclosed Indent for the use of our Marine be Complied with as soon as possible.

Since Writing thus far your Letters of the 12th. & 18th. Ulto. come to hand the former by an Express Boat, & the latter by the William.

By the Boat we likewise received a Letter from the Supra Cargoes of the Essex Complaining of Your Obliging them to take two Hundred Candies of Pepper which You bought at Callicut at an higher Rate than You cou'd have supplied them out of your Own Warehouse. We always intended they should have had the Pepper out of the Hoñble Companys stock Nor does our Letter to Your settlement under the 25th. of December last Order that, that Article shou'd be purchas'd at Callicut, But on the Contrary as it is therein mentioned that all the Articles for the Essex shou'd be provided at the Cheapest Rates a Calculation of the Price the Companys cost with what it bore at Callicut might have sett you right in this Affair; Besides You have been absolutely forbid buying Pepper at that Place on our Hoñble Masters Account.

If you can get an Advantageous Price for the three hundred Bales of Cotton consigned you on the Walpole in Febry last we woud have You sell it off.

This Letter you will receive by the way of Madrass.

We are

BOMBAY CASTLE
MAY 6TH. 1746.

Yr. Loving Friends

W. WAKE.
THOS. MARSH.
JOHN MUNRO.
ROBT. RAWDON.
RICHD. SAUNDERS.
GEO: SCOTT.

N°. 49

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

This is Chiefly to forward a Packet which came to hand Yesterday by his Majestys ship the Winchester who left Bombay the 7th. of May which we doubt will Advise You of the Walpoles proceeding directly from thence to China.

The Princess Mary Arrived here the 10th. of last Month from Batavia, & parted Company with the Hardwicke & Northampton the 2nd. Febry off Java Head, & the 14th. Current came in the London from St. Hellena & the Cape, to both which Places she had been Obliged to go to refitt after the Loss of her Masts she left the latter the 2nd. Febry, & We hear by a Dutch ship that sailed from Holland the beginning of November, that all Our Honble Masters ships that left the Cape & St. Hellena were safe Arrived in Europe that the Onslow bound for Benjarr & China had past the Cape, in January, & that the Dolphin & Benjamin were then homeward waiting for Orders.

The Augusta whose Commander Captain Townshend is dead, was to proceed from Batavia to China the beginning of this Month & the Porto Bello, had left Benjarr a full ship for Europe.

About the middle of last Month another French ship appeared on the Coast & Anchored in the Road of Caracal which was immediately set fire to, as soon as our Men of Warr were in sight of that Port; We have not been able to learn her Name, some say it was the Fame from Your Coast, & others the Diligence from Bengall. The ship we mention'd in Our last & which was destroyed at the Road of Tranquibar occasion'd by the French Captains beginning to fire first on the Kings ships, proved to be the Pondicherry from the Islands but had been at Calatchy, & sailed from thence Early in March.

On the 29th. of last Month Comm[o]dore Barnett departed this life at Fort St. Davids.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
MAY 29TH. 1746

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants

N. MORSE.
J. STRATTON.
T. EYRE.
W. JOHNSON.
J. SAVAGE.
E. FOWKE.

N°. 50

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

Our last bore Date the 29th. of May as ℔ Duplicate Enclosed, since which we have not any from You to Acknowledge.

To what we then wrote you we have now to Add, that few days past we had Advice of the Arrival of Nine French ships at Pondicherry on the 26th. & 27th. Ult°. with an Import of a Considerable Treasure Broad Cloth and Coral, its Reported that seven more Ships left the Islands with these, but whether it be really so, or whither they may be gone we can only Conjecture.

The Nine Arrived at Pondicherry according to the best intelligence we can get, are Nam'd the Achilles, Bourbon, St. Lewis, Duke of Orleans, Neptune, L'Heureux Parfait, Renomma, & Insulatair, All under the Command of Monsr. L'Bourdinay, The Achilles is said to have been built for the South Sea Trade, t-

carry seventy Guns, & seven hundred Men, & to have come out with four more of the French Companys ships, abovemention'd each bringing from Europe between five hundred & twenty & thirty Men, the Bourbon, & Neptune, are said to have been stoped at the Islands homeward Bound in 1744–5 the other two are supposed to be Country ships. To their stated Compliments we have reason to believe, there were Added a Number of the European Planters & Coffrees, & that altogether they make no inconsiderable Force.

A day or two after we heard of their Arrival we were inform'd that they had fallen in with the English Squadron under Commodore Peyton on the 25th. June off Calimeer, to the So.ward of Negapatam & that a sharp Engagement ensued, which lasted from four in the Afternoon till seven when Night parted them. We believe it to have been very smart by the Reports we have of Monsr. L'Bourdinay being Wounded in the Arm, One of the Captains being Kill'd in the Engagements another having his Arm shott off. Two more dying soon after their Landing at Pondicherry, that upwards of five hundred sick and Wounded had been put ashore there and that many of the ships (particularly the Achilles) have suffered considerable damage, We impatiently expect a more clear Account of the Affair, from Mr. Peyton of whom & the Squadron, we have not heard since the Engagement, except that they were met & spoke with not far from Negapatam by the Captain of a Danish Ship, that left Europe for Tranquibar in Decembr. last, but by which, we as yet have received no material News.

Just as we had Wrote the above came to hand yours of the 10th. Ulto. with its Accompanying Packet for Bombay, which shall be forwarded in a day or two.

The season being late for the Walpole to touch at your Place, the Gentlemen of Bombay Writ us under the 6th. May that they had dispatch'd her directly from thence to Canton.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Yr. Most humble Servants

N. MORSE.
W. MONSON.
J. STRATTON.
T. EYRE.
J. SAVAGE.
E. FOWKE.

FORT ST. GEORGE
5TH. JULY 1746.

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